a most devout Catholic, and another, professing the reformed religion, they now pursued with popish curses and arms; that within remembrance of their fathers they had unjustly withdrawn from the German Empire, Metz, Toul and Verdun , and that they had so often deceived the English in money matters that those creditors whom they meant to deceive they called by a by-word * *les anglais* [5] But the Queen, much affecting the safety and honour of the French, rejected these counsels, and when others put her in mind of that saying of Charles of Burgundy, * that the neighbouring nations would be in happy case when France should be subject not to one sceptre but to twenty petty kings,[3] she rejected it with much stomach, saying, * whensoever the last day of the Kingdom of France cometh, it will undoubtedly be the eve of the destruction of England'

During this year died Ambrose Dudley, Earl of Warwick, and not long after Sir Francis Walsingham, the Queen's secretary.

In Ireland, Hugh Gairlock had accused the Earl of Tyrone of having had secret conference with some Spaniards, shipwrecked in 1588 To prevent this charge the Earl took him and caused him to be strangled, then being summoned to England, upon submission obtained the pardon of the Queen , undertaking, most religiously to keep the peace with his neighbours, not to put any man to death but by law, and to reduce Tyrone into more civility Being sent back to Ireland, he confirmed these things before Sir William FitzWilliams, the Lord Deputy* Shortly before the Lord Deputy had taken Hugh Roe MacMahon, a great lord in the territory of Monaghan, and hanged him for that he had with barjners displayed exacted contributions of his

people His lands were divided between the English and certain of the MacMahons, so that the family might be weakened, being strong and powerful through many tenants and adherents, and the tyranny of MacMahon blotted out together with the title.

Whereupon Bnan O'Rourke, a great lord in the neighbouring County of Bren, fearing lest the same might happen to him, took arms against the Queen , but being hunted and put to flight by Sir Richard Brougham, Governor of Connaught, fled into Scotland, and was by the Scottish King delivered into the Queen's hands when she required it, he protesting that he accounted all the Queen's enemies as his own